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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Office Action of the Examiner mailed September 27, 2002, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending December 27, 2002.

Remarks

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application, with claims 1-26 rejected and claims 27-30 allowed. Reconsideration and examination of all rejected claims are respectfully requested.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kackman (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,013) in